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# NEWS from Congressman CHARLES W. WHALEN, Jr.

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Congressman Charles W. Whalen, Jr. (R-Ohio) presented Senator Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill) with an oil portrait of the Illinois law-maker on Wednesday, September 11. (Photo enclosed)

Whalen made the presentation on behalf of the painter, a constituent, Charles R. Stevens, of 7057 Bascombe Drive, Dayton (Huber Heights). It took place in Dirksen's Capitol office.

Stevens, assistant division engineer for the B&O Railroad in Dayton, paints as a hobby. The work is his first portrait. He usually does landscapes.

Stevens said he had intended to mail the portrait to the Senate Minority Leader but asked Whalen to present it for him when he met the Dayton Area Congressman at a picnic recently.

A Newsweek magazine cover picture earlier this year prompted Stevens to attempt the portrait. "I liked the lines in his face," Stevens said, "and I decided to paint it. I thought it would make an interesting portrait.

Stevens started painting about two years ago. He said he had taken some art courses while in college. A native of Indianapolis, Stevens, 38, has resided in the Dayton area since 1963.

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